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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: MBFR PLENARY MEETING, DEC 11, 1973

BEGIN SUMMARY. THE DEC. 11 MBFR PLENARY WAS HELD UNDER
US CHAIRMANSHIP WITH STATEMENTS MADE BY THE REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF HUNGARY, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AND
CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE HUNGARIAN REP (PETRAN) (TEXT
VIENNA 10210) REPEATED PREVIOUS PACT STATEMENTS
DEFENDING THE EASTERN PROPOSAL AND CRITICIZING THE UN-
ACCEPTABLE WESTERN CONCEPT OF DISPARITIES. HIS

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STATEMENT INCLUDED A CALL FOR REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR

WEAPONS AND REITERATED THE HUNGARIAN POSITION ON ITS STATUS VIS-A VIS THE REDUCTION AREA. THE LONG STATEMENT BY CZECH REP KLEIN (TEXT VIENNA 10211) STRONGLY DENOUNCED CONCEPTS OF STABILIZING MEASURES, INCLUDING THOSE DESIGNED TO DISCOURAGE SURPRISE ATTACK, AS IN CONTRAVENTION OF JUNE 28 COMMUNIQUE, APPROPRIATE ONLY FOR CSCE, OR OTHERWISE INADMISSIBLE. HE CRITICIZED THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT AS CHANGING THE EXISTING BALANCE IN FAVOR OF NATO. HE CONSIDERED WESTERN PROPOSALS FOR VERIFICATION BY OBSERVERS AS "AN ELEMENT OF MISTRUST" WHEREAS THE WARSAW PACT DRAFT AGREEMENT EMBODIED MUTUAL TRUST AND ADEQUATELY PROVIDED FOR COMPLIANCE AND FOR NON-CIRCUMVENTION.

2. THE FRG REP (BEHREND) PRESENTED HIS STATEMENT (VIENNA 10119 AS AMENDED BY VIENNA 10177) ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIED DELEGATIONS.

3. THE NEXT PLENARY MEETING WILL BE HELD DEC 13. MOWINCKEL

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